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DEPARTMENT OF STATE
WASHINGTON

In reply refer to
FE 893.114 Narcotics/1769

November 24, 1936

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The Acting Secretary of State presents his compliments to the Honorable the Secretary of the Treasury, and, with reference to this Department's communication dated December 31, 1935, encloses herewith, in duplicate, for the confidential information of the Treasury Department, a copy of a despatch dated October 31, 1936, from the American Consulate General at Mukden, together with copies of its enclosures, in regard to the narcotics situation in Manchuria.

Enclosure:

From Consulate General, Mukden,
dated October 31, 1936, with
enclosures, in duplicate.

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AMERICAN CONSULATE GENERAL,

Kulden, Manchuria, October 31, 1936.

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SUBJECT: Recent Narcotic Observations.

The Honorable

The Secretary of State,

Washington.

Sir:

I have the honor to enclose herewith a copy of my despatch No. 41 of October 31, 1936, to the Embassy at Peiping, China, entitled "Recent Narcotic Observations".

Very respectfully yours,

Wm. R. Langdon,
American Consul

Enclosure:

Copy of despatch No. 41
to Embassy, Peking.

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AMERICAN CONSULATE GENERAL,

Mukden, Manchuria, October 31, 1936.

CONFIDENTIAL - For Staff Use Only.

SUBJECT: Recent Narcotic Observations.

The Honorable

Nelson Trusler Johnson,
American Ambassador,
Peiping, China.

Sir:

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I have the honor to transmit herewith a translation
of an announcement issued by the Opium Monopoly Bureau

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concerning the authorized poppy cultivation areas for 1937, ~~and a translation of the said regulations issued in the Official Gazette of October 1, 1937, in the Official Gazette of October 20, 1937.~~

It will be remarked that the total area in "Manchukuo" officially designated for legal poppy cultivation exceeds by 150,000 mou (roughly 25,000 acres) that of last year. There are no indications that illicit cultivation has in any way been checked.

The regulations governing opium retailers, in the light of the following paragraphs, would seem to be no better than whitening on the sepulcher.

Mr. B. M. Thompson, Special Assistant to the

Secretary

Secretary of the United States Treasury, visited Mukden on October 27 and 28. During his stay here he asked to be shown such narcotic activities as might be visited without criticism from the local authorities. A member of my staff accompanied him on October 27 to a licensed opium retail establishment, located on one of the principal streets of Mukden adjacent to a popular story-telling hall (大鼓書館) patronized by middle and upper class natives. Access to the opium establishment was apparently free to anyone. Upon entering, attendants without any question started to lead Mr. Thompson and my subordinate officer to a smoking compartment, in much the same fashion as one would be led to a table in a restaurant. No questions were asked. Upon a statement that no opium was desired, the attendants showed some slight surprise but displayed no suspicion or uneasiness whatsoever. Opium is sold in this establishment at twenty cents a smoke on

the premises, and twenty-five cents for the same small package when taken away. Addicts passed in and out during the visit without undergoing any questioning beyond a courteously phrased request as to what grade of opium was desired.

As having further bearing upon the narcotic situation in Mukden, and to some extent upon the press report commented upon in my political review for September, that 5,846 died of narcotic poisoning without provisions for interment in the principal cities of "Manchukuo" during 1935, there follows a brief sketch of a visit made by Mr. Thompson and me, accompanied by the British Acting Consul

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and Vice Consul Davies, to one of the poorest sections of Mukden.

Adjacent to a rag pickers' market about a reeking open sewer are some fifty or more hovels inhabited by the lowest type of prostitutes, who also openly dispense narcotics. There are no signs whatever of police in the neighborhood. The setting was loathsome to a degree. Demonstrating with peculiar force the relation of cause to effect, there lay on an ash heap just behind the narcotic brothels seven naked corpses which had evidently been stripped of their rags by fellow addicts. It is generally stated that this is a daily sight, despite the regular removal of the bodies by the Red Swastika Society. There was offered no other explanation than that these dead meet their end through narcotic poisoning.

It would seem to be evident from the foregoing that

no progress in the control of narcotics has been made since Consul A. S. Chase's submitted his basic report on the subject last autumn.*

Very respectfully yours,

Wm. R. Langdon,
American Consul.

Enclosures:

- 1/- Translation of announcement.
- 2/- Translation of provisions, as stated.

* "Narcotics in Manchuria", November 14, 1935.

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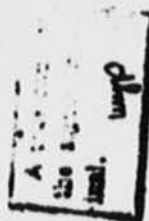
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In quintuplicate to the Department by despatch No. ----
dated October 31, 1936.
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Copy to Treasury Attache, Shanghai.

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Enclosure No. 1 to despatch No. 41 of Wm. R. Langdon,
American Consul, Mukden, Manchuria, dated October 31,
1936, to the Embassy, Peiping, China, entitled "Recent
Narcotic Observations".

SOURCE: "MANCHUKUO" GOVERNMENT
GAZETTE NO. 758,
October 1, 1936.

TRANSLATION

PUBLIC NOTICE NO. 3 OF THE
GENERAL MONOPOLY BUREAU

Notice is hereby given that in accordance with the
provisions of Article 12 of the Regulations for the
Enforcement of the Opium Law, the poppy cultivating
districts and their areas during the fourth year of
Kangte (1937) are designated as below:

Chiang In-shih
Director
General Monopoly Bureau.

Kangte 3rd Year (1936), October 1st.

<u>Name of Province</u>	<u>Districts</u>	<u>Areas(1937)</u> (mu)	<u>1934*</u>
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Jehol	Whole Province (12 hsien)	700,000	600,000
Hsilingan West	Liaohsi Hsien & Keshihkteng Banner	50,000	50,000
Sanhsiang	Fachia, Tungkiang, Fuyuan, Jachao & Paoching Hsien	250,000	200,000
Pinkiang	Malin Hsien	30,000	30,000
	TOTAL	1,030,000	880,000

* Consul A. S. Chase's report, "Narcotics in Manchuria", November 14, 1934⁵

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Enclosure No. 2 to despatch No. 41 of Wm. R. Longdon,
American Consul, Mukden, Manchuria, dated October 31,
1936, to the Embassy, Peiping, China, entitled "Recent
Narcotic Observations."

SOURCE: "MANCHUKUO" GOVERNMENT
GAZETTE NO. 773,
October 20, 1936.

TRANSLATION

SUMMARY OF FENGtien PROVINCIAL ORDER
NO. 6 - REGULATIONS GOVERNING OPIUM
RETAILERS.

The Regulations Governing Opium Retailers were
enacted on September 1, Third Year of Kangte (1936)
by the Fengtien Provincial Government.

Any person who wants to become an opium retailer
shall make application with the Provincial Governor
and set forth the following particulars for considera-
tion and approval:

1. Birth place, present address, name of
applicant and date of birth.
2. Location of opium retail house.
3. Name of opium retail house.
4. Brief sketch of vicinity of opium retail house.

5. Statement of career of applicant.

6. Statement of assets.

7. In case there are investors, their statements of careers, statements of assets and amounts of capital invested.

A person who falls within the purview of one of the following particulars shall be ineligible to become an opium retailer:

1. A person whose designation as opium retailer has been cancelled.

2. A person who is suspected of being liable to lend his name to other persons.

3. A person who is considered as harmful to public order and social customs or who is considered as unsuitable for sanitary reasons.

No opium retail house shall be established at places facing principal streets or near schools or at places which are considered as harmful to social morals. The opium retail houses shall not be engaged in other business except opium retailing. In case the locations of the retail houses are considered as harmful to social

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moreover, public order public sanitation or in case their equipment is unsuitable, the Provincial Governor may order them to move to other places and to repair or change their equipment. People suffering from tuberculosis, and other contagious diseases shall not be allowed to engage in the retail business.

The present regulations shall come into force on the day of their promulgation.
